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For Approval

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Lt Col C. T. Baird

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Retention of Western Military Missions

20 MAY 1959

DISCUSSION

1. (U) Reference: Letter AEAGB, Hq USAREUR, subject: Retention of Western Military Missions, dated 27 April 1959.

2. (U) The purpose of this action is to provide the Chief of Staff with a proposed draft reply to the above reference.

3. (3) a. General Eddleman has indicated his concern regarding the possibility that upon settlement of the current Berlin situation the military liaison missions will be discontinued. He feels that everything possible should be done to prevent the discontinuance of these missions and has recommended that: (Tab A)

(1) The military liaison missions might serve as models for similar missions in other areas.

(2) The size and responsibility of the present missions be increased.

(3) The above proposals be considered by the Army Staff for possible submission to higher authority.

b. The value of these missions has long been recognized, particularly as intelligence gathering agencies. Approximately 90% of the effort of the USNIM is devoted to intelligence activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. (S) That General Eddleman's proposals be examined by the Army Staff with a view to bringing them to the attention of the Secretary of Defense.

2. (8) That the Chief of Staff approve the draft letter, Tab B, to General Eddleman which:

a. Informs CINCUSAREUR that the Army Staff is examining his proposals.

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b. Requests that he keep the Chief of Staff informed of any formal request or further indications by the Soviets regarding the discontinuance of these missions.

COORDINATION

OSB:I - Concur - Col Hussey/71366

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1. Tab A, Letter from CINCUSARFOR
2. Tab B, Proposed reply

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U.S. ARMY, EUROPE
Office of the Commander in Chief
APO 403, New York, N.Y.

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**TO: Chief of Staff, United States Army
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.**

1. It is my strong belief that continuance of our Mission in East Germany is a vital necessity and that every possible should be done to prevent termination of its activity. In the past few months several Soviet officers, in conversation with US mission members, have expressed belief the missions will be dispensed with after a settlement is made with East Germany. I am including as an inclosure information pertaining to termination of the missions; also, my assessment of the value of the US Mission to USAREUR as a collector of intelligence.
2. In my opinion, the very existence of these military missions, both Soviet and Allied, lends support to the Western position in East-West negotiations on nuclear weapons, armaments, and military activity. The Soviets have consistently objected to "inspection" in these negotiations. Within certain restrictions, however, the Soviet missions in West Germany and allied missions in East Germany have been "observing" each others military activities for years. The military liaison missions, mutually recognized agencies, may therefore serve as models for similar missions in other areas and perhaps bypass Soviet objections to the term "inspection" teams.
3. Finally, I should think that the Soviet "peaceful coexistence" line could be exploited to our benefit. We might find it expedient to propose increasing the size and responsibilities of the present missions based upon Soviet official statements.

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4. I recommend that these proposals be considered by the Department of the Army staff for possible submission to higher authority.

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C. D. EDDLEMAN
General, United States Army
Commander in Chief

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Inclosure to CINCUSAREUR letter

1. Assessment of Value USMLM to USAREUR

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2. Recent Indications of Communist Attitude Toward Future of the Mission

The Soviets apparently attach considerable value to their own missions in West Germany, since they have reacted strongly to restrictions that have been placed on travel by Soviet personnel. In mid-March, during information discussions with members of the US and British missions,

(b)(1) remarked that when the "Berlin matter" was settled, all vestiges of occupation including military missions would disappear. However, on 18 March told a member of the British Mission that in his personal opinion present missions might be changed to military "inspection" teams if a peace treaty with Germany requires such teams. The East German attitude is exemplified by a report that their highest party organ, the SED Politburo,

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intelligence collection activities of Western missions, they also are cognizant of the fact that resolution of the missile crisis would cancel out their capability to confirm any information from other sources by use of trained Soviet military mission members. Therefore, there is a possibility the Soviets would be amenable to a proposal for continuation of military liaison missions.

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UNITED STATES ARMY
THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Dear Clyde:

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I am writing in reply to your letter of 27 April regarding the retention of Western Military Missions. The value of these missions is fully recognized here, and I appreciate your concern and firsthand evaluation of their importance at the present time. I am having the Staff examine the matter, with a view to bringing to the attention of the Secretary of Defense the importance of these missions and the fact that the Secretary of State should insure that no political agreements or negotiations are completed that might endanger the validity of the Huebner-Malinin Agreement and/or the continuation of the existence of the United States Military Liaison Mission.

Your proposal to increase the size and scope of responsibility of the present missions requires further study, and the Staff, therefore, is pursuing these matters. In the meantime, I would appreciate your keeping me informed of any formal request or further indications by the Soviets with respect to the discontinuance of these missions.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

General Clyde D. Eddleman
Commander in Chief
United States Army, Europe
APO 403, New York, New York

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Dear Clyde:

I am writing in reply to your letter of 27 April regarding the retention of Western Military Missions. Recognizing the value of these missions, I am having the Staff examine the matter with a view to bringing to the attention of the Secretary of Defense their importance and the fact that the Secretary of State should insure that no political agreements or negotiations are completed that might endanger the validity of the Huebner-Malinin Agreement and/or the continuation of the existence of the United States Military Liaison Mission.

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CC:

Gen Bonesteel
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 ODCSOPS - Lt Col Baird
 OACSI - Col Hussey
 Miss Byrne
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Sincerely,

15 May

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
 General, United States Army
 Chief of Staff

General Clyde D. Eddleman
 Commander in Chief
 United States Army, Europe
 APO 403, New York, New York

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SUBJECT: Retention of Western Military Missions

TO: General C. D. Piddleman
Commanding General, U. S. Army Europe
APO 403, New York, New York

1. Your letter of 27 April ~~1952~~ regarding the ~~above~~ subject has been read with interest. ~~to you~~, the value of these missions has always been recognized here, and I appreciate your concern and firsthand evaluation of their importance at the present time.

I am having the staff examine the matter with a view to bring to the attention of the Secretary of Defense the importance of these missions and the fact that the Secretary of State should insure that no political agreements or negotiations are completed that might endanger the validity of the Huebner-Malinin Agreement and/or the continuation of the existence of the United States Military Liaison Mission.

~~2.~~ The utilization of the "peaceful coexistence" line and your proposal to increase the size and scope of responsibility of the present missions requires further study and ~~we~~ are pursuing these matters. In the meantime, I would appreciate your keeping me informed of any formal request or further indications by the Soviets with respect to the discontinuance of these missions.

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR,
General, United States Army,
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